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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: POLITICKING FOR SECOND
ROUND BALLOTING

1. SUMMARY: AS OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS (DOMS) PREPARE FOR SECOND
ROUND BALLOTING FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, CAMPAIGN
CONTINUES CENTER AROUND POLITICAL FUTURE DOMS. PROPONENTS STATUS
QUO CONTINUE HAMMER AWAY AT SECTION COMMON PROGRAM OF LEFT
WHICH DEALS WITH DOMS WHILE MITTERAND OFFERS "CLARIFICATION"
THIS PORTION COMMON PROGRAM(REFTEL).

2. MITTERAND HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT RE HIS POLICY
TOWARDS DOMS: "IT IS NOT FOR ME TO SUBSTITUTE MYSELF
FOR THE POPULATIONS BRACKETS OF THE DOMS CLOSE BRACKETS.
I SAY SIMPLY: IF THE POPULATIONS ARE ALLOWED IT , THEY WANT IT
BRACKET SIC CLOSE BRACKET. IN THE MEASURE WHERE SELF DETERMI-
NATION BY DEFINITION PERMITS THEM TO CHOSE THE STATUTES THAT
THEY WANT, NOTHING SHOLD BE IMPOSED ON THEM. THAT THERE
SHOLD BE SPECIAL STATUTES IN THE OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS AND
TERRITORIES, THAT THESE SPECIAL STATUTES SHOULD DIFFER FROM
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ONE TERRITORY AND DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER -THAT SEEMS TO ME TO

BE SELF-EVIDENT. IT IS FOR THE POPULATIONS TO SAY WHAT MIGHT
BE THE LIMITATIONS OR THE SCOPE OF THESE STATUTES. IT IS
THE DUTY OF FRANCE TO RESPECT THEIR CHOICE, NOT TO PREJUDGE IT".

3. LOCAL LEFTISTS HAVE TAKEN PRIDE IN OUTCOME FIRST-ROUND
BALLOTING IN GUADELOUPE (MITTERAND 51 PER CENT) AND GUYANE
(FRENCH GUIANA: MITTERAND 42 PER CENT). IN MARTINIQUE WHERE
MITTERAND WON 35 PER CENT VOTES CAST. PPM LEADER AIME CESAIRE
ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT IN WHICH HE VIEWED RESULTS "WITH
SADNESS AND, WHY TRY TO HIDE IT, WITH SHAME . MITTERAND'S
RELATIVELY-POOR SHOWING MARTINIQUE SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN SOME
SPIRIT AWAY FROM HIS PARTISANS AND THERE APPEARS BE A SLACKENING
OF CAMPAIGNING HIS BEHALF.

4. GAULLIST POLITICAL PARTIES IN MARTINIQUE, GUADELOUPE AND GUYANE
HAVE COME OUT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY IN FAVOR GISCARD AND ARE WORKING
HARD FOR HIS ELECTION. SINCE LOCAL CAMPAIGNING CENTERS AROUND
POLITICAL FUTURE DOM S, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO RPT NO DISPOSITION
ON PART THOSE SUPPORTERS STATUS QUO WHO VOTED FOR CHABAN ON FIRST
ROUND TO REFUSE VOTE FOR GISCARD ON SECOND.

5. MINISTER ARMED FORCES ROBERT GALLEY IS CURRENTLY IN FRENCH
WEST INDIES SUPPORTING GISCARD S CANDIDACY. HE IS PAYING PARTI-
CULAR ATTENTION TO GUADELOUPE. MITTERAND S SUCCESS THERE STEMS
FROM TIME-TESTED ABILITY OF WELL-ORGANIZED AND STRONG GUADELOUPE
COMMUNIST PARTY TO BRING ITS SUPPORTERS TO POLLS AND FROM APPARENT
INDIFFERENCE REST OF ELECTORATE. IN GUADELOUPE ONLY 35 PER CENT
OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS CAST THEIR BALLOTS COMPARED WITH 48 PER CENT
IN GUYANE, 54 PER CENT IN MARTINIQUE AND 84 PER CENT IN
METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

6. ONE CONSTANT THEME CAMPAIGN IS THAT DOM VOTE COULD BE
DECISIVE. WITH GISCARD AND MITTERAND RUNNING NECK AND NECK,
TWO AND TWO-THIRDS PERCENT OF FRENCH ELECTORATE WHO RESIDE IN
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS AND TERRITORIES COULD DECIDE OUTCOME.
DESPITE LOWER POLL OVERSEAS THAN IN METROPOLITAN FRANCE,
1.88 PER CENT OF TOTAL FIRST ROUND VOTE CAST CAME FROM OVERSEAS.
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